



19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and stakeholders,

As you know we recently held a consultation regarding the proposed conversion for both Wroughton Infants and Juniors to become academies and to join Grove Learning Trust. Consultation closed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June and the responses to consultation can be found on our website with a frequently asked questions document:

<https://www.wroughtonfederation.co.uk/pages/key-documents/academy-consultation-2021>

The Governing Body considered these views as part of the application submitted to the Regional Schools' Commissioner. The South West Head Teacher Board that advises the Regional Schools' Commissioner, met to consider our application on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

I wanted to write before the end of term with an update regarding this proposed conversion. It gives me great pleasure to let you all know that Hannah Woodhouse, the Regional Schools' Commissioner for the South West, has granted the Academy Orders for both schools to join Grove Learning Trust.

The next stages of the conversion process are expected to take until December / January and we will keep you updated as we pass through each milestone. As part of this, there will be further opportunities in the autumn to discuss the conversion and to ask any questions you might have. We will review our risk assessment in line with Covid restrictions at the time, however we hope this will be a face to face opportunity to discuss the planned conversion.

Outside the formal conversion there has been lots of excellent collaboration taking place between our Wroughton schools and the two existing Grove Learning Trust schools. This has been through:

- Senior Leader networking and school improvement forums
- Key Stage 1 (Infant) moderation of teacher assessments (inc a visit to Eastrop Infant School)
- Early Years networking linked to the statutory changes to Early Years coming in from September
- Humanities subject leader coaching and school improvement projects

This collaboration will continue to develop in September, ahead of the proposed formal conversion to join the Multi Academy Trust towards in January 2022. The Heads of the four schools and I will be looking for school improvement projects that align with the other schools as a starting point for further collaboration. We will also continue to look for opportunities for all staff to network and learn together in ways that will enhance the educational provision across our schools.

Your sincerely

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